

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

DONTA ROLANDO HARRIS

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Petitioner

v.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. WMN-07-266

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Respondent.

MEMORANDUM

Donta R. Harris (“Harris”),¹ an inmate confined at the United States Penitentiary-Lee in Jonesville, Virginia, filed various documents received by the court on January 26, 2007, including a motion to request to seal documents, a special payment order under the Uniform Commercial Code, and an international bill of exchange. Harris seemingly relates these documents to the payment of the appellate filing fee.²

Even after affording these documents a generous construction, the nature of the cause of action is indecipherable. Harris’s nonsensical documents do not make out a claim under this Court’s federal question jurisdiction. His cause of action shall be dismissed by separate order.³

/s/

Date: February 7, 2007

William M. Nickerson
Senior United States District Judge

¹ After four days of a jury trial Harris was re-arraigned and entered guilty pleas to multiple counts of bank robbery and use and possession of a firearm in a crime of violence in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2113 & 924(c). *See United States v. Harris*, Criminal No. WMN-02-0381 (D. Md.). He was sentenced to a total 50-year term on January 13, 2004, and also directed to pay a special assessment of \$1,300.00 and restitution in the amount of \$169,613.00.

² Harris cites to the matter of *Harris v. United States*, CA-07-6045 (4th Cir. 2007), which involves the appeal of the December 6, 2006 denial of Harris’s 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion. The record does not reflect that the filing of an appellate fee has been ordered in that matter. Indeed, it would appear that a filing fee is not required for an appeal of that § 2255 motion as appointed counsel was approved for Harris during the criminal case and Harris’s pauper status is presumed to continue on § 2255 appeal.

³ Neither the civil filing fee nor an in forma pauperis motion accompanied the document. This omission is of no moment as the case is subject to dismissal.